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ABRAMS, Louis Brown

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Serial No. 09/621,830 filed July 24, 2000

Serial No. 10/455,575 filed June 4, 2003

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Serial No. 10/265,206 filed October 4, 2002

Serial No. 10/614,399 filed July 3, 2003

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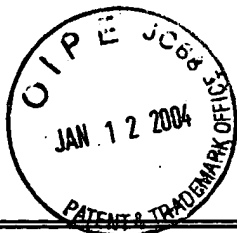
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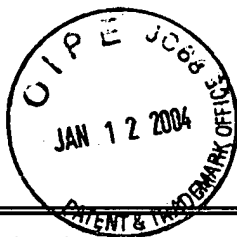
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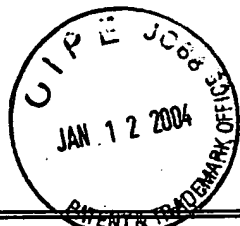
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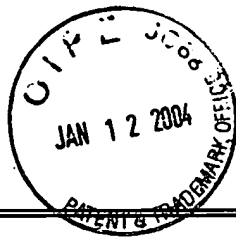
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